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REPORT

GEOLOGICAL AND MINING SECTION

A Committee of the Geological and Mining Section, consisting of Wm. Hamilton Merritt, F.G.S., Chairman; Archibald Blue, Secretary; Dr. P. H. Bryce, Mr. John Notman and Mr. R. W. Phipps, have made a Report on the Mining Industries of Canada, which states:

1. That as shown by successive annual reports of the Geological Survey, extending over a period of more than forty years, the known mineral resources of our country are a vast and valuable possession. In precious metals there is reason to believe that we have rich occurrences of gold and silver; while in the economic minerals the country is pre-eminently rich in iron, copper, gypsum, apatite and coat We have also manganese, barytes, antimony, plumbago, asbest, salt, petroleum, slates, building stone, marbles, limes, cements, min eral pigments and minerals applicable to the fine arts in proved abundance.

The recent discoveries of copper and gold in the vicinity of Sudbury, of new silver lodes in the district of Port Arthur, of anthracite and bituminous coals on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, as well as various new discoveries of gold, silver, lead and coal in the heart of British Columbia, now accessible by means of the Canadian Pacific Railway, encourage the hope that a systematic survey of the country will reveal stores of vast extent and richness, the existence or locality of which is not now suspected.

2. Your Committee have obtained information relating to the mineral and metallurgical products of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from the annual reports prepared by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines, and to the same in the United States from returns compiled by the "Division of Mining Statistics" of the United States Geological Survey.

From one of the first-mentioned reports a good deal of information has been obtained concerning the trade between the United Kingdom and her colonies, and also the production of the principal colonies.

The data for the tables illustrating the trade between the Dominion and the United Kingdom has been obtained from our Trade and Navigation Returns, and the trade with the United States from the same source, and also from the Commerce and Navigation Returns of the United States.

While these latter tables have been made up to the year 1886' though it is feared more or less imperfectly owing to varying and incorrect returns, much of the trade of Great Britain, both with her colonies and the rest of the world, is from the returns of the year 1883, which was the only report available to your Committee until quite recently, when the returns for 1884 and 1885 were received; but it is found that in the aggregate the variation between the returns for the years 1883 and 1885 is so small, and the work of sifting out the special returns for the colonies (which are not kept separate) so laborious, that it was thought the returns above mentioned would serve every requisite on this occasion. For example, the general summary of the mineral product of the United Kingdom for 1883, was about fifty-six million pounds sterling, for 1884 about sixty-one million pounds sterling, and for 1885 about fifty-eight million pounds sterling.

3. The tables accompanying this report reveal to us at the first glance the small mineral production of Canada, not only in contrast to the United Kingdom, and to our neighbor the United States, but as compared with the other leading colonies.

Taking the figures collected by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines for 1884 we have for—

African Colonies	\$15,905,181
Asiatic (including India)	5.532.0-9
Australasia	47,885,069
British North America	6 108 995

The following table makes a brief comparison between ourselves and our neighbors showing the total number of miners employed in both countries and the production of copper, iron and salt in the last census years respectively:—

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On Supering Management Linguistics (Management)	Canada, 1880.	United States 1879.	Ontario, 1880,	Michigan, 1879.
No. of miners	6,541	234,228	493	6,978
Copper ore, tons	8,177	1,007,490	170	938,960
Iron ore, tons	223,057	7,974,806	91,887	1,837,712
Salt, bbls	472,000	3,521,221	472,000	2,485,177

In 1886, according to the Report on Minerals in Canada by the Geological Survey, the total value of mineral production vas \$10, 529,361 (or \$11,529,361, errors corrected) while the total value of mineral production in the United States in the same year, according to the Report on Mineral Resources by the Geological Survey of that country, was \$459,327,888—being a proportion of about 1 to 40.

Your Committee are emphatically of opinion that this great disproportion does not exist in the mineral resources of the two countries.

4. From Table "A," accompanying this report, it will be seen that for the year 1885, the imports into Canada of mining and crude metallurgical products from the United Kingdom were \$6,880,103 and from the United States \$J,448,776, while the exports from Canada in the same year to the United Kingdom were \$591,632 and to the United States \$3,187,163.

The above figures are from the Trade and Navigation Returns of the Dominion. We give a separate table "Aa," compiled from the United States Trade Returns in order to show the remarkable difference there is in the returns of the same article given by the two countries.

In each case there was a balance against us of about six millions of dollars, but it will be borne in mind that the tariff of the United States is in many productions practically prohibitory.

Again, taking Canada's exports of produce of the mine to Great Britain, the United States and all other countries for the ten fiscal years 1877-1886, we have the following figures:

YEAR.	Great Britain.	United States.	Other Countries
	8	8	8
1877	. 1,061,201	2,413,525	169,314
1878	142,374	2,472,979	200,994
1879	265,305	2,636,334	181,261
1880	216,867	2,495,624	164,860
1881	253,652	2,346,529	167,648
882	311,456	2,418,021	284,096
883	443,831	2,198,014	329,041
884	519,672	2,505,501	221,919
885	485,408	2,898,518	255,611
886	589,832	3,115,696	245,619
	4,289,598	25,500,741	2,220,363

5. Believing it would be of interest to ascertain the trade of the United Kingdom and of the United States as well as that of Canada with the world at large in minerals and metallurgical products, your Committee have prepared two sets of tables with this in view.

The first set "B" take the exports and imports for the years 1881 to 1884 inclusive. They shew that on the average the values of exports were, from

Great Britain	\$228 008 727	
The United States	72 500 654	
Canada	3,338,231	
and that the values of imports were, to		
Great Britain	98,801,964	
The United States	72,887,652	
Canada	24 349 898	

The second table "C" treats more fully with the detail and takes into consideration only the crude metallurgical products.

From this we get values of exports of

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Ores	United Kingdom \$ 54,149,091	United States. \$13,770,477
Metallurgical Product	. 176,560,594	65,262,079
Total	. \$230,709,688	\$79,032,556
While the values of imports v	vere :	
6	United Kingdom.	United States.
Ores	\$33,512,356	\$ 9,033,986
Metallurgical Product	33,433,902	54,775,490
Total	. \$66,946,258	863.809.476

The first table shows us that the United Kingdom exports three times as much of minerals and their products as the United States, while she imports one-third more than the United States.

From the second table we gather that the United Kingdom imports about four times as much ore matter as the United States and a little more than one half the crude metallurgical product.

The imports of ores to the United Kingdom are chiefly copper ores and regulus, silver ore, iron ore, iron pyrites and phosphates, with lesser quantities of ores of lead, manganese and gold; while the United States imports her largest quantities in coal, silver and iron ores and salt, with smaller quantities of clays, copper ores, phosphates and asbestus, and a small quantity of most other economic minerals.

In crude metallurgical productions the United Kingdom imports very large amounts of copper, lead, tin and zinc, while the importation of the United States is chiefly made up of iron and steel, with tin, earthen and China-ware next in importance, and lesser amounts of fertilizers, lead, zinc and marbles.

6. A Table "D" has also been prepared shewing the trade carried on by the United Kingdom with Canada, with her other colonies and also with the rest of the world in mining and crude metallurgical product.

This shews that the colonies do as yet but a small proportion of business compared with that carried on by the United Kingdom with

foreign countries, the imports to the United Kingdom in 1883 being:

From Canada \$ 512,471
From Colonies (other than Canada)
From other Countries 58,281,835
Vhile exports from the United Kingdom were:
To Canada \$ 7,765,344
To Colonies (other than Canada) 51,616,930
To other Countries

From Dominion Trade and Navigation Returns.

Exports, 1886.

	VALUE IN DOLLARS,	
	To United Kingdom.	To United States,
Coal, bituminous. Gold . Gypsum	\$ 76,304 450	
Antimony ore Copper ore Iron ore	35,320	27,742
Silver ore. Phosphates. Plumbago	29,853 407,314 1,481	13,001 25,134
Salt. Sand and gravel. Slate Stone and marble (unwrought).	1,401	26,714 23,195 4,256
Gypsum (ground). Lime.	40,588	59,888 159,670 18,485
Stone and marble (wrought)	328	18,552 15,461
	\$591,638	\$3,187,163

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	VALUE IN	Dollars.	
	From United Kingdom.	From United States.	
Salt Dage fire	8	8	
Salt—Bags fine, coarse; bags coarse and bulk Brass—Tubing, bars, strips, wire clots, scrap, sheet	206, 262	14,348	
and wire.	88,625	298,960	
Cement—Hydraulic, bulk and bags, and Portland	104,592	15,441	
Coal—Anthracite.		4,095.966	
Bituminous	199,661	2,527,807	
Coke,	6,037	37,798	
Copper—Bars, rods, scrap, pig, sheet and wire	92,600	132,611	
Earthenware	413,223	32,367	
ina and porcelain	76,859	9,372	
fron and steel—Dutiable and free, including scrap and			
wire	4,625,841	1,091,986	
Lead	149,107	5,439	
Marble	3,138	78,575	
Dritannia metal, type and babbit metal, pewter	12,295	75,226	
Asbestos (manufactured)	548	6,283	
Mineral substances and ores (not otherwise specified).	5,995	23,882	
Plumbago—Raw and manufactured	118	5,663	
Mineral oil		421,730	
Products of shale, petroleum, etc	1	59,374	
Gypsum (manufactured)	2,469	6,034	
Diamonds and precious stones—Unset	60,634	15,970	
Paint—Fireproof		2,143	
Slates	1,060	25,651	
Building stone, granite, flagstone and grindstone	16,312	85,513	
Tinware and block tin	154,649	190,529	
Zincware and block zine	53,434	16,584	
China—Fire, pipe and other clays and chalk	18,690	16,558	
Brimstone		2,809	
Tin plates	619,971	124,849	
Latharge, lime and whiting	35,106	15,446	
Nickel and bismuth	70	289	
German silver and silver sheets	2	9,981	
Sand and gravel		22,692	
	\$6,880,103	90 448 776	

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From Commerce and Navigation Returns of the United States.

EXPORTS (TO CANADA), 1886.

ORE OR METAL.	VALUE IN DOLLARS.
Coal Anthrasita	
Coal—Anthracite	2,564,340
"—Bituminous.	751,895
	27,080
Copper ore	4,680
	68,310
C section of the Contract of t	8,145
18, Uar, Carwneels, Castings, plates and shoots railroad	
Dais of falls, iron and steel - wire iron and steel	374,182
arout ore,	1,122
zinc and cement.	25,047
and stone, unmanufactured: roomer state and other	
manufactures	228,639
Millional Oli-Naphthas, Illiminating and Inbrigating	479,576
Quickstiver,	3,666
Control of the state of the sta	4,873
Tin, manufactures of	38,893
Zinc-Pigs, bars, and manufactures of	11,439
	\$4,591,887

IMPORTS (FROM CANADA), 1886.

Ore or Mer	VALUE DOLLAR	
Coal—Bituminous	*	
Copper ore	1,014	
Copper ore	332	
Gold bars and bullion	687	
Silver bullion	1	,82
Unspecified mineral substances	3	,64
ron ore	25	,73
tone, slates, etc	92	,75
Mineral oil	15.	.20
Balt	53	.31
nosphates	B	74
ypsum, unground	115	
lumbago		40
Precious stones and imitations	65,	
	\$2,416,	32

B. Exports of the United Kingdom.

ARTICLES.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
C	£	£	£	£
Cement			925,474	
Coals	8,785,950	9,564,616		
Products of coals (ex			-0,010,010	10,001,100
cept dyes)	565,6 93	781,412	1,017,767	1,068,900
Metals:		Í	-,,,	1,000,000
Iron, old		507,161	337,995	223,422
Iron, pig & puddled.		4,962,185		
Iron, bar, angle, etc.	2,013,133	2,298,533	2,034,667	1,942,294
Iron, railroad	5,666,446	6,387,219	6,014,264	4,142,063
Iron, wire	1,000,844	1,330,544	926,797	
Iron, hoops, sheets,	1	-,,0	020,101	692,607
and boiler plates	3,404,790	3,943,806	3,899,774	9 600 001
Iron, tinned plates	4,163,132	4,642,125	4,705,403	3,693,001
fron, cast or wrou't,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2,0 22, 120	4, 100, 400	4,746,923
and all other mfrs.	3,964,268	4,549,860	4,616,660	4 500 000
Steel, unwrought	1,871,161	2,034,339		4,580,671
Steel, mfrs. of	914,311	942,534	1,396,556	1,127,481
Telegraph wire	1,983,663	1,042,561	580,644	402,380
Copper, unwrought:	1,000,000	1,042,001	1,237,893	2,509,153
Ingots, cakes or slabs	1,228,378	909, 241	1 140 004	
Wrought or prtly.w	2,208,189	2,424,837	1,143,034	1,053,135
Brass, of all sorts	384,792		2,426,439	2,513,894
ead, pig, sheet and	101,102	444,383	432,033	452,998
pipe	675,828	E77 90F	#00 144	
in, unwrought	460,506	577,325	533,144	422,178
inc, wrought and un-	400,500	579,557	524,049	469,210
wrought	118,296	105 000		
alt	585,838	125,969	98,741	100,356
	000,000	568,715	645,009	611,537
	£45,341,433	49,421,523	48,219,718	45,419,571
Totals	==	,,	-5,-10,110	*0,*13,0/1
()	\$220, 359, 364	240, 188, 602	234,347,829	220,739,115

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IMPORTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

ARTICLES.	1881.	1882.	1883	1884.
Metals;	£	£	£	E
Copper ore & regulus Unwrought, p't w'rt	2,427,761	2,609,836	2,936,208	3,175,066
and old copper	2,166,383	2,522,393	2,413,793	2,329,175
Iron ore	2,349,411	3,063,091	2,750,870	2,114,600
Iron in bars Iron and steel, wro't	1,140,509	1,396,457	1,236,735	1,165,948
or manufactured.	2,564,823	2,474,898	2,870,813	2,693,422
Lead, pig and sheet	1,388,109	1.266,999	1,305,388	1,222,325
Silver ore Tin in blocks, ingots,	688,176	750,079	1,030,542	1,089,768
bars or slabs	1,873,472	2,538,577	2,442,959	2,123,799
Zinc, crude in cakes	755,666	708,877	640,302	700,154
Zine, manufactures.	414,813	396,936	408,206	390, 157
Petroleum	1,952,444	1,721,019	2,170,298	1,711,313
Pyrites, iron or copper	1,202,281	1,422,684	1,356,083	1,244,871
Totals	£18,923,848	20,871,846	21,562,197	19,660,598
Totals	\$91,969,901	101,437,171	104,792,277	97,008,506

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EXPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLES.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
	8	8	8	8
Brass and mnfrs. of	216,057	322,439	287,847	301,014
Coal-Anthracite	2,091,928	2,589,887	2,648,033	3,053,550
" -Bituminous	739,532	1,102,898	1,593,214	1,977,959
Copper and mnfrs. of	876,395	748,456	2,348,004	5,595,859
Iron and steel and			140,427	
manufactures of *	16,608,767	17,551,322	19,024,894	18,369,148
Lead and mnfrs. of.	39,710	178,779	43,108	125, 156
Marble and stone and				
manufactures of	629,795	614,430	541,553	503,260
Mineral oils	40,315,609	51,232,706	44,913,079	47, 103, 248
Quicksilver	1,124,955	959,128	1,020,827	427,219
Salt	14,752	18,265	17,321	26,007
Tin and mnfrs, of	198,524	198,608	191,947	166,819
Zinc and mnfrs. of	148,212	138,374	82,490	31,107
Totals	\$63,004,236	\$75,655,292	\$73,652,744	\$77,690,346

^{*} Sewing machines and agricultural implements not included.

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ARTICLES,	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
Brass and mnfrs. of	\$	\$	\$	
Coal and coke.	494,249	668, 136	570,666	470,435
Command toke,	2,008,967	2,192,689	2,084,151	2,589,958
Copper and mnfrs, of. Iron and steel & mfrs.	564,923	317,172	191,285	291,603
of (including ore)	51,454,574	53,898,267	40,837,376	42,917,747
Lead and mnfrs. of.	163,742	211,935	170,198	92,861
Marble and stone and	100,71	211,000	170, 190	92,501
manufactures of Metals and mnfrs. of.	749,763	798,542	819,567	950,217
not elsewh'r specif'd Mineral oils and other	1,162,913	1,429,918	1,489,445	2,248,814
mineral substances.	112,152	187,248	141,532	89,154
Platinum	294,635	334,183	391,766	373,110
Salt	1,900,610	1,561,132	1,476,946	1,527,455
Slate and mnfrs. of	46,864	45,928	49,919	1,027,400
Tin and mnfrs. of	18,685,903	21,838,261	22,903,572	5 400 000
Zinc and mnfrs, of	262,218	949,041		5,482,909
-		040,041	802,933	251,476
Totals	\$77,901,513	\$84,432,452	\$71,929,356	\$57,285,739

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B. EXPORTS OF CANADA.

ARTICLES,	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
Coal	\$ 8	\$	8	\$
CoalGold	1,123,091	1,078,704	1,087,411	1,201,172
Gypsum, ground and	767,318	930,951	911,383	952,131
unground.	132,787	138,180	160,794	172,928
Mineral oils	631	136	368	7,546
Antimony ore	3,921	4,733	11,842	
ron ore and products	150,412	139,245	150,479	4,855 $214,044$
of iron and steel	445,707	571,700	556,100	954 005
langanese	38,738	37,485		354,667
ilver	34,494	15,110	29,417	15,851
hosphates	239,493		14,200	12,920
alt.	39,566	327,667	302,716	453,322
and and gravel.		36,418	17,511	17,408
tone, marble & slate.	12,511	13,789	17,755	14,152
wrought & unwrou't	95,726	115, 167	94,880	82,392
Total	\$3,084,395	\$3,409,285	\$3,354,856	\$3,504,388

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IMPORTS OF CANADA.

ARTICLES.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
		8	8	*
Brass and mnfrs of	276,958	362,581	383,106	393,544
Coal	4,094,294	4,696,007	6,389,804	7,503,871
Copper and mnfrs of Gold and silver and	160,329	222,219	243,222	235,510
mnfrs. of	233,806	333,820	345,515	230,614
Iron and steel and mnfrs, of *	12,224,180	16,378,344	18,253,179	13,464,742
Lead and mnfrs. of	150,292	181,354	203, 100	166,804
Marble, slate and stone and mnfrs. of	220,323	236, 13	265,491	265,594
Metal, composition and	000 007	462,286	649,236	611,909
other	368,967	453,250	460,728	427,641
Oils, mineral.	280,638		422,367	360, 192
Salt	494,633	323,807		99.742
Zine and mnfrs. of	126,469	99,736	22,599	
Tin and mnfrs. of	413,924	946,522	1,258,136	1,001,769
Total	\$19,044,813	\$24,696,366	\$28,896,483	\$24,761,932

 $^{^{\}ast}$ Not including sewing machines and agricultural implements.

	Exp	ORTS.	IMP	ORTS.
Ores,	From United Kingdom, 1883.	From United States, 1886.	To United Kingdom, 1883.	To United States, 1886.
Clays, except ordinary Coal, anthracite 'bituminous Coke	1 51,739,166	\$ 9,978 2,707,590 1,480,940	\$	\$ 225,323 20,140 2,551,954
Cobalt and nickel ore and matter.	\	18,327		
Copper ore & regulus. Gold ore Silver ore		3,068,879 34,160	2,387,926 21,384	417,449 1,397
Iron ore Iron pyrites, chiefly cuprous	••••	144,652	5,008,434 13,369,228	1,263,257 $1,306,033$
Lead ore	16,524	•••••••	6,590,563 983,129	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Phosphates Quicksilver		219,259	496,217 3,955,189	426,243
Salt Tin ore Zinc ore	1,458,000	29,827	3,474	1,499,182
Mineral oil, crude Marble and stone, un-		24,951 5,859,577	696,812	15,581
manufactured		159,553		356,041
Aluminum		• • • • • • • • • • • • •		164,111 5,298
Gypsum				117,768 116,202
Lithographic stone		897		40,772 73,884 43,107
Emery	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			35,544 83,214
Talc Mineral subs. not else.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	- 11	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	30,128 25,394
where specified Asbestos, crude				123,864 91,089
Total ores	\$54,149,094	\$13,770,477	\$33,512,356	\$9,033,986

*	Expo	PRTS.	Імро	RTS.
Metals.	From United Kingdom, 1883.	From United States, 1886.	To United Kingdom, 1883.	To United States, 1886.
Brass and mnfrs. of Bronze and mnfrs. of Cement.		\$ 150,807		\$ 404,678 714,473 722,576
Asbestos, mnfd Copper, unwrought, partly wrought, pigs,		29,303		
bars and sheets Copper, mnfrs. of Earthen, stone and	23,660,224 45,527	2,498,898 108,975	8,679,717 362,293	57,651 122,985
chinaware		163,908 1,107.657		4,947,621 1,680,473 4,041,366
Iron Mfrs. of iron and steel Lead, pig, mnfrs. of	138,948,439 2,765,937		7,423,354	33,278,088 865,820 41,107
Mineral oil Refined	1,216,098	44,340,267		
Terra alba, etc Tin plates Plaster Paris, ground				25,878
and calcined Tin, bars, blocks or pig Tin, mnfrs. of	9,042,163	157,724	11,872,790	38,852 5,873,752
Marble and stone and mnfrs. of	,	64.410	,	872,03 6 119,425
Zinc, mnfrs of Nickel, mnfrs. of Platinum, mnfrs. of		12,749 35, 3 02		49,406
Other metals, metal compts & mnfrs, not elsewhere specified.				1,920,103
Total metals	\$176,560,594	\$65,262,079	\$33,433,902	\$54,775,490
Total ores (carried forward)	54,149,094	13,770,477	33,512,356	9,033,986
	\$230,709,688	\$79,032,556	\$66,946,258	\$63,809,476

From Report H. M. Inspectors of Mines, 1.

ARTICIPA	Expor	EXPORTS PROM UNITED KINGDOM.	KINGDOM.	IMPOR	IMPORTS TO UNITED KINGDOM.	INGDOM.
APPAICINGS.	To Canada.	To Colonies, (other than Canada.)	Other Countries	From Canada.	From Colonies, (other than	From Other Countries
Clays (except ordinary). Coal Copper, unwrought, wrought, yellow metal	\$397,445	\$7,490,270	\$ 935,404 43,851,449			
and manufacturesCopper ore.	266,814	8,241,082	15,152,347	and Newfld.	2,316,276	6,725,734
Iron ore. Iron—Fig. bar, angle, bolt, rod, railroad, Tin plates and sheets home sheets and			38,014	166,909	354,425	1,851,834
boiler plate, wire (except telegraph), cast and wrought, steel, unwrought, iron and	6,735,474	33,705,135	98,507,840			
Lead—Pig, rolled sheet, piping and tubing.	145,493	1,093,014	1,527,629,			7,423,354
Salt.	120,712		16,524 930,131		96,665	886,464
Tin Tin ore	98,726	31,794	8,573,465		5,022,285	6,850,505
Zine ore.	089	550,307	331 219		3,474	5,095,748
Iron pyrites					2002	696,604 21,384
Manganese ore (1882). Phosphates Silver ore				21,252 324,230	24,951 278,473 40,517	6,590,563 450,014 3,352,486 4,967,917.
Total	\$7,765,344	\$51,616,930 \$170,975,358	\$170,975,358	\$512,471	88.137.974	0